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"(b) The State Port Officer has submitted certain proposals for improvements to the Port. The Special Officer appointed by the Government of India has also made certain recommendations. These can be considered only after a hydrographic survey of the Port which is proposed to be taken up in the near future, has been completed."

11-20 p.m. SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP:—"In view of the fact that Kozhikode, the only port for Malabar, is not very useful during the south-west monsoon, will the Government expedite the consideration of the matter?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"As I already said, Sir, the matter is under consideration."

Disafforestation in Repalle taluk.

* 65 Q.—SRI V. SRI KRISHNA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have received any application recently from the residents of Kothapalem, Repalle taluk of Guntur district, requesting the Government to disafforest an area of 800 acres in Block 2 of the Reserve Forest of the said village and assign the same for cultivation; and if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Yes, Sir, the matter is under consideration."

SRI V. SRI KRISHNA:—"అక్కడ వందలకొలది ఎకరాల భూమిని అరణ్యాలుగా ప్రభుత్వము నిర్ణయించింది. కాని అవి ఒక మొక్కగూడలేని మహారణ్యాలు, అలాంటప్పుడు ఆ భూమిని సాగుచేసుకొనుటకు పేదవారికి ఇచ్చినట్లయితే, దాని ప్రక్కనే ఇర్రిగేషన్ canal ఒకటివున్నది. దాన్ని ఉపయోగించుకొని 2 వేల ఎకరాల భూమిని సాగులోకి తీసుకొని రావచ్చుననే విషయాన్ని ప్రభుత్వము గమనించి దానిని పేదవారికి సాగుకు ఇస్తారా?"

THE HON. DR. R. NAGAN GOUDA:—"Yes, Sir, the matter is being considered."

Rice content of the ration in Upland and Delta areas.

* 66 Q.—SRI V. RAMA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) how many ounces of rice are given per head per day in Fair Price shops in (1) Upland areas; (2) Delta areas of Krishna district; and

(b) if there is any disparity between the two areas, the reasons for it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM:—"(a) Four ounces in Upland areas and eight ounces in Delta areas.

"(b) The population drawing ration from ration shops in the deltaic areas are mostly agriculturists or agricultural labourers connected with the production of paddy who are accustomed to consume rice as their main diet. But people

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in the Upland areas, where millets rather than rice is the important crop, are accustomed to take more of millets. In July 1951, when rice stocks were low it was ordered that the rice content of the ration should be reduced to four ounces, in the case of card-holders in the Upland areas of the surplus districts, while it should be retained at eight ounces for card-holders in the surplus areas, the balance to make up 12 ounces in both cases being given in the shape of wheat or milo. The same rice content of the ration is being continued even after decontrol."

SRI V. RAMA RAO :—" Upland areas లోకూడా కొన్ని ప్రాంతాలలో చెరువుల క్రిందను కొన్ని కాలువల క్రిందను వరి పండుచున్నది. ఆ ప్రాంతాలలో వారుకూడ వరి పండించి వరిధాన్యము తినుచున్నటువంటివారే. కనుక అలాంటి వారికి కూడ డెల్టా ఏరియాస్‌లో ఇచ్చినట్లే 8 ఔన్సులబియ్యము ఇచ్చే ఏర్పాటు చేస్తారా?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Notice, Sir."

Opening of a Rural Dispensary at Obilivaripalli, Rajampet taluk.

* 67 *Q.*—SRI P. VENKATASUBBIAH : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the action taken on a petition to start a Rural Dispensary at Obilivaripalli, Rajampet taluk, Cuddapah district, submitted by the M.L.A., Rajampet, some time back?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" The President, District Board, Cuddapah, has been asked to consider the question of opening a non-subsidized rural dispensary at Obilivaripalli in Rajampet taluk."

High Level Canal of Tungabhadra.

* 68 *Q.*—SRI S. NARAYANAPPA : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether this Government have recommended to the Central Government about the inclusion of the scheme of High Level Canal of Tungabhadra in the five-year plan and when;

(*b*) if so, whether any reply has been received either from the Union Government, Delhi, or the Planning Commission; and

(*c*) what is the probable estimated cost of the said scheme?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (*a*) The Planning Commission was requested in December 1951 to include this scheme in the Supplementary Five-Year Plan.

" (*b*) No final reply has been received.

" (*c*) Rupees nine crores."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" High Level Canal ఎన్ని ఎకరాలకు నీళ్ళు పారిస్తుందో చెప్పగలరా?"

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" The latest figures are that it would irrigate about two lakhs of acres."